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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 671

Introduced by Assembly Member Krekorian

(Principal coauthor: Senator Benoit)

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Block, Gilmore, Jeffries, Knight,
and Torres)**

(Coauthors: Senators Huff and Wright)

February 25, 2009

An act to add Chapter 9.9 (commencing with Section 3410) to Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to the Golden Shield Award.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 671, as amended, Krekorian. Public Safety Golden Shield Award.

The Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act authorizes the Governor to annually award and present in the name of the State of California a Medal of Valor to one public safety officer, as defined, who is cited by the Attorney General, upon the recommendation of the board, for extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty.

This bill would require the Governor to additionally annually award and present in the name of the State of California a Golden Shield Award to the next of kin of, or immediate family members of, every public

safety officer who, while serving ~~under competent authority~~ in any capacity *under competent authority*, has been killed in the line of duty.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 9.9 (commencing with Section 3410) is
2 added to Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 9.9. CALIFORNIA GOLDEN SHIELD ACT
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6 3410. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the
7 California Golden Shield Act.

8 3411. The Governor annually shall award, and present in the
9 name of the State of California, a Golden Shield Award of
10 appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to the next of
11 kin of, or immediate family members of, every public safety officer
12 who, while serving ~~under competent authority in any capacity in~~
13 *any capacity under competent authority*, has been killed in the line
14 of duty in that year.

15 3412. For the purposes of this chapter, “public safety officer”
16 means a person serving a public agency, with or without
17 compensation, as a firefighter, law enforcement officer, or
18 emergency services officer. “Law enforcement officer” includes
19 a person who is a corrections or court officer or a civil defense
20 officer.